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Laborers and Their Employers.

With better wages, lower prices, and more work than for many years, the country is roused by the shock of commercial battle resounding along the great railways of the Southwest, and in the manufacturers of the East. The causes and remedies of such disastrous and dangerous struggles are eagerly discussed. Arbitration is proposed as the cure-all to meet this dangerous condition of society, which has its root, not in poverty, lack of work, or cruel treatment; but in the standing jealousy of the poor toward the rich, and the contempt of employers for their workmen.

Were the relations between the two parties friendly, voluntary arbitration would speedily end their difficulties. Certain principles of arbitration should be admitted. The right of the capitalist to employ and discharge employees should be acknowledged.

No man should be proscribed because of his adherence to a labor organization. All grievances should be submitted to arbitration. Pending the discussion and decision of any difference or dispute, there should be no lockout, strike, stoppage, or cessation of work by either employer or employee.

Upon such a basis all reasonable disputes would be promptly adjusted. But strikes are usually not based upon reason. The case of the car-drivers of New York is an exception. Men worked for fourteen hours per day have good reason to demand shorter hours. But what shall we say of men who, like the employer of the Missouri Pacific Railway, strike without a presentation of grievances, who when pressed for them can give none other than sympathy for a discharged workman upon another road, and who, when ordered to return to work, refuse to comply with the commands of their own superiors in the Knights of Labor.

The causes of trouble are obscure, more fancy than fact, lying back altogether from the trifling occurrences of the present moment.

The real cause arises from the growth of riches in the hands of great corporations and a few favored individuals. Year by year the workmen have been taught that gains are ill-gotten; obtained through fraud, or unscrupulous grinding of the faces of the poor. A very few men like Gould, Vanderbilt and Russell Sage, men whose wealth has been acquired by the manipulation of stocks, are types by which all employers of labor are judged. The prudent, careful, hard-working manufacturer, whose talents have built up a successful business from which hundreds of laborers have lived for a score or more of years is classed with the railroad robbers, the manipulators of stocks, the buyers of legislatures, and the despilers of their fellow-men.

Rather let them be praised for what their skill has accomplished for their fellow-men! Without them the country would be poor indeed, the laborer miserable and unable to procure his daily bread!

For our present trouble there must be a cure better and more permanent even than arbitration. That is but a makeshift; a truce to the war, not a full and final settlement. The real cure will only come with the restoration of confidence upon the part of the laborer in his employer. The capitalist must work no longer upon the line simply of self-interest; something of benevolence must enter into his calculations. Let co-operation be tried; let wages be set aside each year for labor, then interest for capital, then let the balance be divided between labor and capital. That in some cases will restore confidence.

Let the employer provide means for the bodily and mental improvement of the workmen. Such schemes have been tried in England and perhaps on a small scale in America.

At Saltair in England, homes have been built by Sir Thomas Salt for the workmen in his vast alpaca factories. Nearly nine thousand cottages have been

built; schools for teaching not only the common branches, but art and science, together with libraries, have been provided. Hospitals for the sick, baths and gymnasiums for the well, savings-banks and other useful adjuncts are among the forms which this good man's benevolence has taken. Amid such surroundings there is no room for strikes, which are productive of vast loss to capital and labor alike. In their place is good feeling and honest endeavor. The Crossleys, manufacturers of carpets, and others have provided similar homes for workingmen upon a large scale and with an eye to their permanent improvement and happiness. All that is wanting is the wisdom to design, and the benevolence to carry out noble schemes which shall permanently enlist the good-will of workingmen. The millions of Americans cannot do better for themselves, for their children, or for their country, than to devote a share of their vast wealth to the building of libraries to the furnishing of industrial schools, and providing in other ways for the well-being of their fellowmen. Such work would prove an enduring monument, and secure to posterity the remainder of their wealth inviolate.

Editorial Notes.

Scarcely a week passes now that we are not obliged to note the death of one or more of the old residents of Bloomfield. Mr. James L. Wharry died at his home on Franklin street, on Saturday, aged seventy years, and Mrs. Ann Reford died on Tuesday at the residence of her son, Mr. J. Banks Reford, aged eighty years.

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We would like to know why the Liberty street extension is not opened to the public. All parties acquiesced in the final action of the Board of Freeholders, and it was promised that the street should be opened without delay. The extension of Liberty street will place a considerable number of good building lots on the market, and there are several parties looking for land in that locality.

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The House of Assembly has defeated the County Local Option bill by a small majority and there is every reason to believe that the session will close without any legislation on this subject. It is due to Mr. Underhill to state that, although his election was bitterly opposed by the temperance people, he has voted in favor of every temperance measure which has come before the House.

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We are informed that there is some demand for cheap lots for immediate improvement on the outskirts of the village. In 1873, lots on the east side of Franklin Hill sold at high prices, but the panic broke down a number of the men who were pushing the enterprise, and for ten years, building in that locality has been at a stand still. Now that interest is reviving in that direction, a new effort should be made toward developing the "east end" of the town.

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Governor Abbott has nominated Alderman James F. Connolly of Newark as a member of the State Board of Assessors, in the place of A. M. Reynolds, whose term has expired. Mr. Reynolds has done a great deal of hard work on this commission and his experience is valuable, and his re-appointment was deserved and expected, but Gov. Abbott has disregarded all these considerations and sent in the name of a man who has no special fitness for the office, who is simply a ward politician. It is to be hoped that the Senate will refuse to confirm this nomination.

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Improvements continue at the Centre and it is evident that the demands of business will soon occupy all the property on Glenwood avenue between Broad street and the railroad. It is a pity that the new buildings are not of a more permanent and attractive character, but the main idea seems to be to secure store room and a one story building serves this purpose, temporarily at least.

The changes being made in the store vacated by Mr. Edward Wilde will be very noticeable. The front of the store is being extended to the street line and an entire new front with attractive show windows will be in marked contrast to its appearance in the past.

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We take much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of several sheets of the atlas of New Jersey, which is now in course of preparation. These sheets are each 27 by 37 inches, including margin, and are intended to fold once across, making the leaves of the atlas 18½ by 27 inches. The work on the maps has evidently been done with the utmost care, and too much credit cannot be given to Prof. Geo. H. Cook, State Geologist, under whose direction the surveys have been made and the maps prepared. The completed work will be made up of seventeen of these maps, on a scale of one mile to the inch. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13, 16 and 17 are done, and the other numbers will be issued, probably, in 1887 and 1888.

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The U. S. Consul at Malta, my own father, several of my own parishioners, and a number of others I have known to be cured of stubborn skin diseases by Palmer's "Skin-Success." "Re-fer to me if you wish." Rev. T. S. Flynn, Morristown, N. J.

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ASSETS.

Loans on Bond and Mortgage, \$63,982.22

Loans on Collateral security, 10,450.00

U. S. Bonds, (market value,) 10,632.99

Interest due and accrued, 2,382.19

Cash on hand and in Bank, 8,301.85

\$95,267.26

LIABILITIES.

Due Depositors, including Interest to date,

88,539.98

Surplus, \$6,727.28

The above is a true and correct statement of the condition of the Bloomfield Savings Institution on the first day of January, 1886.

JOS. K. OAKES, Vice President.

THOS. C. DODD, Treasurer.

WM. H. WHITE, M. D.

JOHN F. FOLSON, M. D.

Auditing Committee.

JAMES W. BALDWIN,

LEWIS K. DODD.

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